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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examining the above captioned and enclosed patent application, please amend it as follows.

**The Status** of this application is on page 2.

**Specification Amendments** are summarized on page 3 and are contained in the enclosed Marked-Up Version of the Specification.

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 4.

**Remarks** are on page 8.

## **PRIORITY CLAIM**

This patent application is the U. S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/FR2004/001367, having an International Filing Date of June 3, 2004, which claims priority to French Patent Application No. 03/06790, having a Filing Date of June 4, 2003, the specifications both of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.